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## During New Brockton Town Council meeting Salary increases approved for police and town clerk

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, Aug. 1, the town council voted unanimously to give a salary increase to the police department personnel and town clerk.

Mayor Charles Cole recommended a pay raise of \$1 per hour for each police officer within the police department and a salary increase for assistant police chief Dale Grimes and town clerk Annette Williams to \$8.50 per hour.

"If there is any department in this town that needs a raise, it's the police department," Cole said.

Council member Jeffery White made a motion with a second from council member Richard Driskell to approve the mayor's recommendation. The motion passed with no opposition.

While receiving the monthly report from the police department, Mayor Cole also took a few moments during Monday evening's meeting to clarify some procedures of the department.

He said at night there is only one officer on duty for the department and when that officer is out of the office, the phone lines are switched over for the Elba Police Department dispatchers to answer.

Cole said he believes some citizens are confused when they call and get the Elba dispatchers. He said the dispatchers contact the New Brockton officer when the call is received.

"I hope the citizens don't get upset when they call and get

Elba," said Cole.

He said one possible solution to this confusion is for the town to get its own dispatcher, but finding employees for the department has been tough lately. At this time, there is only one full-time officer in the department.

"At this time, we're doing what we can," Cole said. "With a little patience and kindness, we'll get everything where we need to be."

The mayor also said Assistant Police Chief Dale Grimes is continuing to work to get a Neighborhood Crime Watch program going in New Brockton.

Grimes said citizens can look forward to more information on this program in the near future.

Mayor Cole reminded citizens

of their options regarding disposition of old tires. He said citizens with tires they want disposed of can either come by the town hall and pay town clerk Annette Williams \$2 for the town to pick up the tires or the citizens can take the tires to Bill's Tire Service and pay the fee at the business.

Council member Jeffery White reminded everyone the planning commission will meet Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. He said the board is in need of members and requested that anyone interested in serving on the planning commission be present at the meeting.

Council member Vickie Harrison also said the water

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**FIRE DESTROYS HOME...**The Elba Fire Department responded Saturday, July 30, to the scene of a house fire at 20079 Highway 189 N. The emergency call was received at the Elba Police Department shortly after 8 p.m., and the home was engulfed with flames before firefighters were able to reach the residence. Also responding to the scene for mutual aid were the volunteer fire departments of Bullock and Zion Chapel. The exact cause of this fire remains under investigation.

## Elba Police Department holds initial Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department held the initial meeting Tuesday evening, July 26, of the new Neighborhood Crime Watch program being implemented within the city.

"We're taking a little different approach with this program," Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said. "The police department wanted to take the initiative and kick start this thing because we want you to know we're here for you."

In general, he said neighborhood crime watch programs are initiated by the people of the community rather than the police department itself.

Hanchey said the members of his department are working to change the public perception of the police department which often times is negative. He said the Neighborhood Crime Watch program allows the department an opportunity to interact with the community and help the people understand the police department is trying to provide a service the community deserves.

Hanchey said most of the time the department only has two-sets of eyes on the roadways, and those two-sets can not cover the entire Elba community at

program with coordinators leading each area. These areas include: Riverview/Smith Avenue; E. Davis/Old Samson Rd./Brunson Circle; Reese Ave./Kenton St.; Highway/Brookdale; Hickman Ave./Hwy. 84 W.; Taylor Mill Rd./Highland Dr.; Pine Cove/Claughton Ave./Sunset Blvd.; Downtown Area; Troy Hwy./Flournoy St.; Mulberry Heights/Kennedy Estates; and the Taylor Hill Community.

Hanchey introduced Officer Dean Blair as the coordinator within the police department, and Blair said the low the program works is really up to the people in the various neighborhoods.

He said the role of the individual neighborhood coordinators fits around what he/she needs in that particular area of town.

"Everybody has different concerns," said Blair. "Every neighborhood is different."

He said the purpose of the program is to have neighbors watching out for neighbors, and many in the community already do that.

"I'm not telling you to be a nosy neighbor," said Blair. "I want you to look out for your neighbor."

Blair said he is a big believer in the police department being involved with the community, and through the Neighborhood Crime Watch program, he said the department is trying to be available to the community.

"I think we need to be involved with the community," Blair said. "Community policing is important to Chief Hanchey and it's important to me."

With a majority of the neighborhood coordinators present for last Tuesday's initial meeting, Blair encouraged them to get more people involved within their community. He said this is a great program, and it really works.

"I've seen it work first hand," he said. "But, it take your involvement."

Blair said the department is willing to hold meetings with the various neighborhoods whenever they want and will share ideas on ways to make homes safer.

He and Chief Hanchey thanked those present for their interest in the program and willingness to be extra eyes and ears helping out the police department.

## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2006 on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6:15 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11. Both hearings will be held at the board of education administrative office at 400 Rockloch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens are invited to attend the budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 11, the board will hold a special meeting at 12 Noon to approve the FY2006 budget.

**UNDEFINED CUSTOMS STREET HEAT 2005** will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, in the old United Super parking lot on Hwy. 87 North in Elba. Events will include the car show (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.), street competition (12:00 midn. radio (1:30 p.m.), soccer (2:30 p.m.), basketball (3 p.m.), as well as, raffles and live music throughout the day. All proceeds go to Operation State Clean. For more information, visit the website at [www.undefinestreet.com](http://www.undefinestreet.com).

**THE ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold a public hearing on Monday, Aug. 5, at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Both public hearings will be held at the Elba City Board of Education office, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, Ala. Budget forms will be available at the board offices prior to the meetings. On Tuesday, Aug. 9, the board will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. to approve the FY2006 budget.



**Terry Spicer**

Coffee County get as much funding as possible and teachers are paid fairly. From Kinston to New Brockton, to Zion Chapel High School, the Elba city schools and the Enterprise city schools, Spicer has worked to make sure children in Coffee County get all the resources available.

"It is my responsibility as a legislator to ensure that the children of Coffee County have the best schools possible," he said. "Education is the basis for future jobs and economic growth for our county, and the better our children are educated, the better the chances of them staying here and building their future here."

With education as a foundation, Spicer works for economic development in the county and across the Wiregrass.

"Developing the local economy is something that I am deeply committed to. Besides good health, there is nothing more important to the family than a job," he said. "Helping attract businesses to our area and making sure our workforce can get the job training it needs through the community college is something I am committed to in my job and as a state representative."

Spicer understands that the next generation of jobs will need cooperation of many organizations and groups. As a state representative, he makes sure that various state agencies are coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce and other local civic groups. Spicer believes that economic development is also fostered by local infrastructure.

"The better the roads, the better our chances of attracting new businesses," said Spicer. "Coffee County needs to be poised to take advantage of the possible expansion of Ft. Rucker and the expanding Alabama automobile industry, and that means constantly improving roads."

Spicer said he constantly reviews the Alabama Department of Transportation highway plan to make sure it serves Coffee County effectively.

"I want to make sure our county gets its fair share of highway funds and that they are spent effectively," he said. "The two most important highway projects to Coffee County and to the Wiregrass are the expanding

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## REMINDER

Elba City Schools' students return for the 2005-06 school term Monday, Aug. 8th.

The first day (Monday) will only be a 1/2 day with school being dismissed at 11:20 a.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, students will report for a full day of classes.



**KINDERGARTNERS GET "JUMPSTART" TO SCHOOL YEAR...**The Coffee County Schools of Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel sponsored Kindergarten Jumpstart Wednesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 28. This two-day program allowed the incoming kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school. The students were exposed to a mini-kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the buildings and introduced to their teacher as well as several other staff members. Several other special programs also were offered during jumpstart. Above, Officer Misty Smith is shown fingerprinting Madison Courson at Kinston Schools. This service was offered by the Coffee County Schools as a voluntary program for all incoming kindergarten students for use by their parents. All Coffee County Schools' students returned for the 2005-06 school term Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

This past weekend was Alabama Press Association summer convention time . . . at the beach. Yeah, yeah it is hard work, but someone has to do it! Actually even though this is about as close to a vacation as Hedly and husband get, it was definitely time to be at home by Sunday afternoon. There are just so many meetings active people can endure before exploding. Either of us can probably tell you just how many that is with us. All that was capped off by having a cell phone disappear from off the dresser in the motel room. It was almost pathetic until Monday morning and cancelling the service on that phone. Fortunately it was cancelled before any calls were made to the homeland of any of the maids. The unit was insured but still cost \$35.00 to replace. Hey, we were not the only couple in our group to lose a phone. One publisher made a real scene there in the lobby and the maid suddenly "found" his phone. In our case, we were an hour up the road when it was discovered missing and phone calls are not as effective as foot stomping scenes in the lobby of nice resort motels.

Watching politics for a lifetime still doesn't give all the answers to political happening. It is hard to explain how there could be such a logjam in the Alabama Legislature during the regular session only to have these same major bills (plus others) pass with flying colors in just days during a called special session. For whatever reason, it happened and apparently without any "bad" legislation even getting consideration. During the press meeting last weekend more than once speculation could be heard that Governor Bob Riley has greatly recovered his credibility after the disastrous failed push for that huge tax increase during his first year in office. At the same time many people very close to the political pulse are still questioning if Riley will actually run for re-election. Our guess is that he will. It is either yes or no, so the odds are 50-50 at best (or worst) according to a person's political leanings.

The passage last week of a federal highway funding bill, after four or five years of trying, contained sweet news for Alabama. South Alabama got funds for the I-10 connector from the interstate in Florida to the Dothan, Alabama area; Highway 167 funded from Troy to Enterprise; U. S. 84 got extra money from Enterprise to Andalusia and from Evergreen to Monroeville. All of that will have a long term economic impact for the people of Coffee County. Even though U. S. 84 work is a long way from completion in this area, efforts to get the Andalusia to Evergreen leg in the plans must get started now if middle aged area citizens expect to ever see the dream become a reality.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 25, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one interference with child custody, two for harassment, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, one escape, one disorderly conduct, one trespassing, one giving a false name, four for domestic violence, one burglary, one theft, one house fire, one assault, one robbery and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, two for failure to appear, one for public intoxication, one for criminal trespassing, three for domestic violence and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no driver's license, one for no child restraint, four for speeding, two for a suspended driver's license, one for no insurance and one for a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, JULY 25** - Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:19 p.m.).  
**TUESDAY, JULY 26** - Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Martin Luther King Dr. and Jackson St. (6:54 p.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported at 1248 Jones Circle (7:13 p.m.). Possible fire reported behind Fay's Nursery (8:35 p.m.). Disturbance (crowd) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (10:07 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Apts. A-3 (11:29 p.m.).  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27** - River stage - 6.00 feet (7:15 a.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:42 p.m.).  
**THURSDAY, JULY 28** - River stage - 5.60 feet (7:00 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 480 County Rd. 114 (10:04 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 110 (5:12 p.m.).  
**FRIDAY, JULY 29** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire on West St. (5:04 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to West St. (5:10 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1311 Reese Ave. (11:39 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 909 Neil Grantham Dr. (2:40 p.m.).  
**SATURDAY, JULY 30** - River stage - 6.79 feet (6:08 a.m.). Minor wreck reported in the Elba MarketPlace parking lot (11:22 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 20079 Hwy. 189 N. (8:10 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20079 Hwy. 189 N. (9:17 p.m.).  
**SUNDAY, JULY 31** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1532 Powell Circle (1:22 a.m.). Robbery (person) reported at 2333 County Rd. 404 (5:15 a.m.). River stage - 6.99 feet (7:00 a.m.). Burglary reported at Rum's Auto-Sav (7:46 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 20079 Hwy. 189 N. (10:02 a.m.). Private property wreck reported at 915 Simmons St. (12:45 p.m.). Wreck reported on Jones Circle behind Coleman Funeral Home (9:20 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Jones Circle (9:20 p.m.). Prowler reported at 1225 Neil Grantham Dr. (9:44 p.m.).

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## Congress sends long-awaited energy bill to President Bush

Editorial by  
 Congressman Terry Everett

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives brought to a close a three-year effort to pass a badly needed national energy strategy. The 275 to 156 vote to approve the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (HR 6) was, in fact, the House's fifth vote to pass an energy bill since 2002. Previous attempts have been stalled in the U.S. Senate. However, this time the outcome will be different.

Crude oil recently topped a record \$60 a barrel as supplies tightened both at home and abroad due to increased international demand - particularly in Asia - as well as the result of hurricane disruption to oil production in the Gulf of Mexico. Gasoline prices and overall energy costs have been steadily rising for a number of years while the nation has done little to compensate. Without a modern national energy strategy, the United States has been at the mercy of the world's oil producers.

Last Thursday's approval of the Energy Policy Act is significant. Finally, the most sweeping energy legislation in three decades will address many pressing needs, from domestic oil and gas supply, to improvements in power generation, to incentives for alternative fuel research. The energy bill's modernizing our nation's approach to energy generation and use is more than just about combating higher pump prices. Energy underpins our entire national economy. America's future prosperity and even our national security depend upon an affordable, reliable, and secure supply of energy. Lower prices for goods, job creation, affordable

travel, and our nation's economic security all hinge on energy. With so much at stake, the House-passed Energy Policy Act would encourage more domestic oil production and gasoline supply with incentives such as a streamlined process for drilling permits, the promotion of greater oil refining capacity, and a halt to expensive regional "boutique" fuels. The new energy bill would promote both higher fuel efficiency standards for vehicles as well as the development of alternative energy automobiles like those powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

With America's abundant supply of coal, HR 6 would establish tax credits for investments in clean coal electrical generation plants and renewable energy sources. The new energy

legislation also improves our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability to prevent future blackouts, and it encourages the Department of Energy to promote more nuclear and hydroelectric power production.

One change that Americans will soon notice is the extension of daylight savings time by four weeks a year. The broadening of daylight savings time from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November is expected to save the equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil each day of the extension.

While the passage of the Energy Policy Act will not immediately bring down oil and gas costs for consumers, it will lay the foundation for more abundant and less expensive

energy to help meet future demand. It will ensure that the United States has the production network to meet energy needs in the century ahead, reduce our dependence upon foreign sources of energy, and it will create hundreds of thousands of jobs for American workers.

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• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month-7 p.m.

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• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

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• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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**CITY EMPLOYEE RETIRES.** - Elba Mayor James Grimes (right) presented a Certificate of Retirement to Ann Beck (left) Thursday, July 28, in honor of her retirement during a reception held at Elba City Hall. Beck served as an employee with the City of Elba Water and Electric Board from July 26, 1995 until July 31, 2005. Grimes thanked Beck for being a conscientious and trustworthy employee who showed a dedicated interest and devotion to duty. He presented the Certificate of Retirement as a testimonial to her loyal and dedicated service she contributed throughout the past 10 years.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

There is a limit to the legitimate interference of collective opinion with individual independence; and to find that limit, and maintain it against encroachment, is as indispensable to a good condition of human affairs as protection against political despotism.

-John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

I would like to offer a counterpoint to Major General Patrick H. Bradley's letter of July 21st concerning the proposed flag amendment. I wager that he and I are both motivated by a love of our country and a desire to uphold the ideals of our democracy and the liberty of its citizens. We sharply differ, though, on how best to demonstrate these values. I would like to suggest that the proposed constitutional amendment he endorses is utterly misguided, and worse, stands in fundamental opposition to the very values of liberty and patriotism that it proposes to protect.

Major General Bradley appears to be offended by the fact that desecrating a flag has been deemed a form of speech, and is thus protected by the First Amendment. He also appears to think that acknowledging this simple fact is "desperation" on the part of those who disagree with him - a rhetorical gesture that strains credulity. However, he chooses to spin his disagreement, the fact remains that what a citizen chooses to do with a flag remains a constitutionally protected form of expression. We must vigorously safeguard that freedom and not sacrifice our right to personal expression in the name of nationalism or patriotism.

I suspect that the Major General and I would both be shocked by someone burning or otherwise desecrating an American flag. To do so makes a profound statement. What the Major General fails to recognize, however, is that our democracy shines most brightly precisely by tolerating such speech and expression that we may disagree with or find offensive. A free democracy by its very nature requires that we have some tolerance for speech, expression and private vices

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that may offend us and that do not directly harm others. To forbid something that offends us simply by fiat creates the slippery slope of eroding personal freedom, and in so doing unravels the very philosophical fabric of democracy. We live our democratic ideals not by banning something because it offends us, but rather by voicing our opposition.

We should not forget that the flag is ultimately a symbol - a deeply moving, powerful symbol, but a symbol nonetheless. Let us not confuse the cloth with what it stands for. We honor the liberty and freedom that the flag symbolizes by voicing our dissent - loudly, when necessary - instead of trying to silence those we disagree with. Consider that this very newspaper is a testament to this principle: Would we rather have a newspaper editor that forbids publishing opinions with which he or she disagrees, or one that allows differing voices to be heard alongside one another so that readers can consider various positions on an issue? We are diminished by the former and enriched by the latter.

In closing, I urge you to contact your representatives and ask them to defeat this short-sighted Amendment. We stand to lose precious freedom of expression and will gain nothing by its passage. The fact that we are free to burn the flag is the very reason we never should.

Sincerely,  
 Lee H. Coleman, Ph.D., Altadena, California

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their addicted children to witness about their struggles, faith in God and their triumph over drugs through Jesus Christ.

For those unaware, MAM stands for Mothers Against Methamphetamine. The members of MAM use a faith-based approach for families coping with meth addiction. MAM is a national organization, founded in Alabama in 2002 by Dr. Mary F. Holley, an Albertville physician. The organization has 60 chapters across the country and can be accessed at www.mam-site.net.

Wow, what an awesome organization! Here in Opp we also have a place of healing and recovery through Jesus Christ: Crossriver Ministry. Crossriver Ministries mission is to provide a Christian recovery solution for substance abuse and addiction through the use of education, work, counseling and the knowledge of Jesus Christ; that will help people rebuild their lives and their communities. For information and assistance contact Crossriver Ministry at crossriver@oppcity.com or call 334-493-1030. We are located at 508 Hwy 52 East Opp, AL.

Jason was one of the recovering meth addicts addressed in the article in the Birmingham News. He made the statement "Don't Judge... give moral support. As I thought about his statement it brought to mind Romans 14:1-4 (NIV). Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. Sherry Catlett Opp, AL

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## Obituaries

**ODELL HUDSON**  
 Mrs. Odell Hudson, age 83, of Montgomery, Ala., died Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

Funeral services were held July 29, 2005 at Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, Ala., with Pastor Jackie Cleveland officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hudson was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Hudson.

Survivors include four daughters: Rena (husband, Archie) Plyer, Prattville, Ala.; Shirley (husband, Hoyt) Kelley, Millbrook; Brenda (husband, Tim) Catlett, Troy, Ala.; Debra Atwell, Montgomery; three sons: Larry (wife, Betty) Hudson, Millbrook; Durl (wife, Carol) Hudson, Prattville; Bruce Hudson, Montgomery; her step-mother: Arkie Hodge, Elba; two sisters: Bernice, Hair, Montgomery; Elvester Johnson, Elba; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**FANNIE C. GAITHER**  
 Mrs. Fannie C. Gaither, age 71, died Saturday, July 23, 2005 at her home in Commerce, Ga.

Funeral services were held July 25, 2005 at Baptist Tabernacle in Nicholson, Ga. Burial followed at Jackson Memorial Park.

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Commerce, Ga.; one son: Randy Sanders, Mobile, Ala.; three daughters: Ann (husband, Bobbey) Grayson, Elba, Ala.; Emily (husband, Stacy) Payne and Pamela Gillespie, both of Commerce, Ga.; one brother: Phillip Booth of Calif.; one sister: Faye Gavin, Mobile, Ala.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**BOB KNIGHT**  
 Mr. Bob Knight, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Talmadge Butler and Bro. Louie Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Wiregrass Hospice, c/o P.O. Box 311103, Enterprise, Ala. 36331.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulers, Sports Editor

I went shopping for school clothes with the girls last weekend and had a few dollars left in my pocket after a long, but pleasant day that saw us visit at least a dozen or so stores and saw the girls try on clothes at almost every store we visited. Melanie surprised me by picking out a skirt and not insisting she get nothing but jeans, while Melissa hung out at the jeans rack, but also picked out some nice clothes and was very sensible with her selections. I didn't buy anything for dear 'ole Dad, but just being with the girls for an entire day was plenty of reward for me.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* Former Elba Tiger football standout Ronald McKinnon signed a one-year contract with the New Orleans Saints last week and it looks like after nine seasons with Arizona the pride of Elba High will be back in black and gold. McKinnon started 119 of 142 games during a career with Arizona and led the Cardinals in tackles in six of those nine seasons, but was cut loose when the Cardinals needed some salary cap help after last season. McKinnon has been under-rated ever since he first arrived at North Alabama and later walked on with Arizona without being drafted, but at every stop he has made a name for himself and there is no doubt in my mind he will make the team at New Orleans and will quickly become a leader on defense. Just to last ten years in the NFL is quite a feat. However, my guess is that Ronald McKinnon still has a few more years under his belt and will be in the league as long as someone will give him the chance to play.

\*\*\* The high school football season is just around the corner and here in Elba the Tiger fans are excitedly anticipating that Coach Scott Rials and his troops will be able to grab a few wins early in the season and post a winning record. There is no doubt Coach Rials is an offensive minded coach that loves to put points on the scoreboard and watch the football sail through the air, but he learned last season that in the public school ranks the weekly competition is stiff and it also takes a solid defense to hang wins on the board. The Tigers opened preseason drills this week and will put on the pads today (Thursday), and I hope this season Elba will use those pads on both sides of the ball and develop a defense that will grab just as many headlines as does the offense.

No one really knows what kind of season is coming for the teams in the area, but here is an early guess based upon rumors from football fans at the area schools. Brantley may have its best team in years, and that is saying something when one stops and realizes the Bulldogs won 13 games last season and haven't lost a regular season game in three years. New Brockton will be down in numbers, but will never be short on pride and determination, and the Gamecocks will once again be a team to watch in the 2A ranks. Kinston struggled to a 1-9 record last season, and while the Bulldogs should be better, they may have a hard time adding many wins to that total. Zion Chapel posted five wins and made it to the playoffs after a slow start last season, but this season will be a little short-handed at a couple of spots and may need a little luck to surpass that win total.

\*\*\* The Major League Baseball season is getting down to the weeks that can make it or break it for many teams and I continue to be amazed at the Atlanta Braves and how they are able to win no matter who is in the line up. The Braves have been through tough injuries to bury many teams near the bottom of the standings. However, they have not missed a beat and during the month of July went from five games down to five games ahead in their division. I guess all the post-season failures have soured me somewhat on Bobby Cox and his team, but I will have to admit Atlanta has one of the top professional franchises in all of sports and looks like when the post-season rolls around the Braves will be right there looking to add to their rich history.

\*\*\* In closing... I read a few more tributes in area newspapers last week about Coach Mack Wood and one that caught my eye was in the paper in Brewton. Coach Wood led T.R. Miller to a state championship back in the 60's and left his mark with all that worked with him and played for him. One former coach remarked how Coach Wood was a master at hiding his emotions and never lost his composure during a game, while a former player stated under Coach Wood it was easy to see the difference between the players and those that simply wanted to be on the team. Former Elba Supt. of Education Charles Pearce was also quoted as saying Coach Wood's teams had class when they got on the bus heading for a game, played with class when they hit the field and still had class when they got back on the bus after a game. I guess that sums it up!

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## Elba Tigers to battle Arton in fifth annual Foggy Bottom Football Classic at Miller Memorial Stadium

The Elba Tigers will be looking to add to the rich tradition at Miller Memorial Stadium on Friday, August 19, when they host the Arton Purple Cats in the fifth annual "Foggy Bottom Football Classic." The Tigers have hosted the annual preseason event at Miller Memorial for the past four years and will bring a 4-0 record into this year's clash after posting wins over Zion Chapel 33-8,

Samson 14-0 and 26-6 and Highland Home 46-41. It will be the first time Elba and Arton have met in football.

"The rich football tradition here at Elba High was born down by the levee at Miller Memorial Stadium and many of the biggest games in the history of Elba Tiger football were held at the stadium," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Our players all began their careers

playing youth ball at the stadium and they get excited every year when they get the chance to go back down there as varsity athletes. It is a game that everyone looks forward to and one that we as coaches look at as our first game of the season."

"Arton is one of the top 1A teams in the state year in and year out and Coach Julius Head and his team will come over here looking to become the first visiting team to leave with a win

in the five years the preseason game has been played," added Coach Rials. "We will work hard to be prepared for Arton and you know the players will work hard and play hard to carry on the rich tradition established so many years ago down at Miller."

The game will begin on Friday, August 19, at 7:00 PM, with the game to consist of three varsity quarters or one quarter of junior varsity competition.

## Youth football registration is now underway in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for the upcoming "Youth Football" season will begin on August 1 and continue through August 12, with the registration period being for both football players and cheerleaders.

Age divisions for both football and cheerleading include: Midget - ages 7-8, Tee-ball - ages 9-10 and PeeWee - ages 11-12, with the age determined by one's age on August 1, 2005.

The Elba league competes in the Little Tri-County Football League with Brantley, Luverne, Highland Home, Goshen, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel, with games played on Saturday nights beginning with the midgets at 5:30 p.m. The season will begin on Saturday, September 10, and continue for six straight weekends, with the league's Super Bowl to conclude the season on October 22.

Registration fees for football are \$25 per player, with a \$40 charge for two members of the same family and a \$60 maximum fee per family. The entry

fee includes the use of football equipment for the season, with the equipment to be returned upon completion of the season.

There is no registration fee for cheerleaders; however, all girls ages 7-12 must register to allow cheerleader coaches to organize squads and order uniforms. The uniforms are purchased by the cheerleaders and must be ordered in early August to assure delivery by the opening game of the season.

All boys and girls that register should bring a copy of their birth certificate to the Recreation Center and a list of emergency phone numbers. Registration forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, Elba City Hall and the Elba City Pool, and will also be available at the Elba City Schools during the opening week of classes.

For more information about registration or coaching a team call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Tips on stocking recreation ponds

Channel catfish may also be added to a bass and bluegill pond, but the catfish will consume a portion of the food supply, slightly reducing the total pounds of bass and bluegill the pond can maintain.

One possible stocking system would be to stock on a per acre basis 800 bluegill and 200 shellecracker in April. Wait for the fish to grow for a month or so and then stock 100 bass. If catfish are desired, stock them at a rate of 40 per acre.

Hatcheries will deliver directly to ponds, can provide fish at almost any time of the year (after February 1), and many offer varieties or hybrids that have been selected for rapid growth.

Stocking of 3-to 5-inch broam is most often done in the fall or early winter. The bluegill will grow and spawn by the following spring. Bass are stocked in late May or June and grow rapidly, feeding on the new bluegill fry. Bluegill will spawn two or three more times before fall providing adequate forage for the bass.

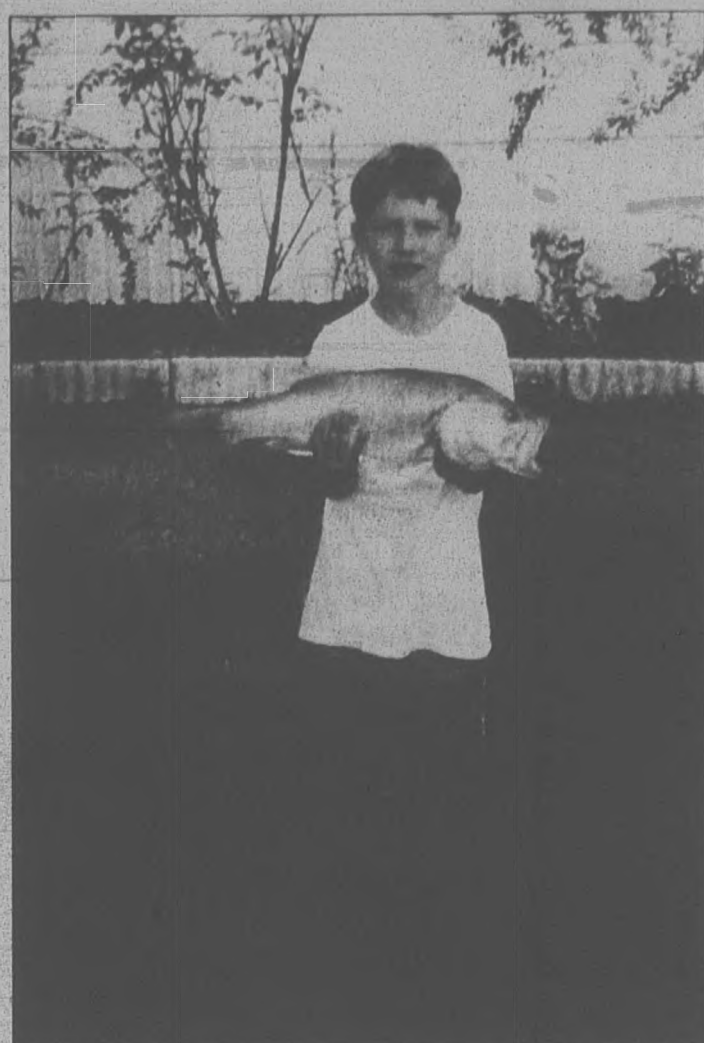
Catfish can be stocked in fall or spring. If stocked together always stock catfish as large or larger than the bass. Catfish usually cannot successfully reproduce in ponds with bass and bluegill populations and will have to be restocked as they are fished out.

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NICHOLAS JOHNSON...the 7-year-old son of Jeff and Vicki Johnson, caught this 4-pound bass while fishing recently with his Dad at a private pond.

Let's Go...  
**Outdoors with Ben**  
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist  
Take precautions to avoid lightning strikes

With daylight saving time in effect, many outdoor enthusiasts find time to pursue their favorite activity in the late afternoon after work. This is also a likely time for a thunderstorm to be lighting to occur. Lightning strikes often involve only an individual, or at most only a few victims. For this reason, lightning does not get the national publicity that a hurricane or tornado does. But the fact is lightning causes more deaths each year than any single weather related cause. Annually about 300 people die as a result of a lightning strike and many more are injured. Most incidents involve people working or playing in the outdoors.

Lightning results from a warm front and cold front colliding. Warm air rises and penetrates into the layer of cold air. Moisture condenses into water particles and forms a thundercloud. These particles are tossed around within the air currents and become electrically charged, as they collide, they producing lightning. As lightning passes through the air, it creates a shock wave that we hear as thunder. To determine how close the lightning strike is to your position, count the number of seconds between seeing the lightning and hearing the thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five and you will have the approximate distance in miles you are from the strike.

Common sense, including seeking shelter immediately, is the best precaution to avoid a lightning strike. Head for shore if you are on the water before the storm becomes severe. If on land get rid of as much metal as possible, including backpacks, knives, firearms, etc. Seek a building, automobile for shelter. Should you be caught in the woods during a storm, seek an area where the trees are of uniform height. Never get under a lone tree. Lie down in a ditch or depression if you are caught out in the open with no building or vehicle nearby.

The worse strike is the direct hit from a lightning bolt, but many injuries occur from a splash strike. Splash injuries occur when lightning hits a nearby object and jumps to a victim. When lightning hits the earth, waves of electrical currents are dispersed in all directions, causing the splash effect. Groups should spread out if possible to avoid the splash effects of an indirect strike.

We can all learn a lesson from the cowboys who drove cattle from the range to market. When crossing the treeless prairie, lightning was one of a cowboy's worst nightmares. Not only did the lightning stampede the cattle, which was a dangerous situation with itself, but also many cowboys fell victim to lightning strikes.

Cowboys soon learned to remove spurs, revolvers and any other metal they could and let the cook store it with the cowboys bedroll in the chuck wagon. Looks like a good way of getting rid of a bad trail cook to me.

Next week....

"Chapter 2"

of preseason football

"A look at the region alignments"

# SPORTS

Only game sites change for '05 season

## High school football schedules have familiar look for area teams as season openers near

The kickoff for the 2005 high school football season is three weeks away, and while the opponents for the area teams are identical to those from a year ago, this season the sites of the games will be reversed and that will mean a new look for the players and fans.

Following is a preview of this season's football schedules for teams in the area.

### ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers struggled to a 4-7 record in their first season under Coach Scott Rials and this season will face an identical schedule to the one that proved too tough for the Tigers a year ago.

Elba will open the season at home against a Class 1A power in the Brantley Bulldogs, a team the Tigers lost to 47-26 to open the '04 season, while in week #2 the Tigers will hit the road to battle the Cottonwood Bears, a team that had to hold on late last season to get past Elba 36-32. Elba will head to Dothan in the third week of the season to meet the Houston Academy Raiders, a team the Tigers lost to 48-42 last year, and in week #4 the Tigers will return home to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs, Elba's first victim last season in a 44-6 Tiger win. The Tigers will reach the midway point of the season the next week when they travel to Luverne to renew their oldest football rivalry against the Luverne Tigers, a game won last season by Luverne 29-19. Elba will return to region play in week #6 and will host the Houston County Lions, a team that embarrassed the Tigers 43-6 a year ago in Columbia. Elba will make history in week #7 when the Tigers make their first ever football appearance at New Brockton, and they will be looking to make it 2-0 against the Gamecocks after handling New Brockton 19-7 a year ago. The Tigers will host Wicksburg the following week and will be hoping that last season's 34-7 win over the Panthers will be repeated, while in week #9 Elba will travel to Samson to tangle with the blue and gold Tigers, a team Elba outscored 39-19 last season. The Tigers will close out the regular season the next week when they host the Pike County Bulldogs, and Elba will be looking for payback after losing to the Bulldogs 45-7 a year ago.

### NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

The New Brockton Gamecocks missed the playoffs last season despite posting the county's best record at 7-3, and this season Coach Shannon Clark should have little trouble getting his troops ready to play each and every week.

The Gamecocks will open the season at home against their cross-county rivals from Zion Chapel and will be looking to get the season off to a fast start, as they did a year ago with an easy 41-14 win over the Rebels. New Brockton will travel to Columbia for a week two match-up with the Houston County Lions, a team that blanked the Gamecocks 35-0 last season, while in week #3 the Gamecocks will travel to Wicksburg to meet the Panthers, a team they battled to a 12-3 win a year ago. The Gamecocks will host the Samson Tigers the following week and will be looking to continue their dominance over the Tigers as they did last season in a 21-14 win. New Brockton will close out the first half of the season in week #5 against the Pleasant Home Eagles, a team the Gamecocks slipped past 14-12 last season, while in week #6 the Gamecocks will return to region competition and will butt heads away from home against the Cottonwood Bears, a playoff team last season that New Brockton shocked 27-24. New Brockton will have its calendar circled in week #7 as the Elba Tigers make their first ever trip to Gamecock Stadium, and the Gamecocks will be primed and ready for payback after falling to the Tigers 19-7 a year ago. New Brockton will remain in the region wars in week #8 when it heads to Dothan to meet a Houston Academy team that dumped the Gamecocks 17-7 last season, while in week #9 the Gamecocks will close out their home schedule with a clash against Geneva County, a team they pounded 34-14 last season. New Brockton will close out the season the following week on the road against county-rival Kinston, a team the Gamecocks blanked 35-0 to end the season a year ago.

### ZION CHAPEL REBELS

The Zion Chapel Rebels overcame a slow start last season to post a 5-6 record and earned a berth in the Class 1A playoffs, and this season Coach Harry Lees is hoping his troops can taste victory early on and gain momentum for what could be a second straight playoff appearance.

Zion Chapel will open the season on the road against its arch-rivals from New Brockton and will be looking to improve on last year's 41-14 setback to the Gamecocks, while in the second week

of the season the Rebels will return home and circle the wagons to battle the Florala Wildcats, a team that spanked Zion Chapel 47-0 a year ago. The Rebels will stay at home for a week #3 match-up against the Brantley Bulldogs, a 1A power that posted an easy 40-6 win over the Rebels a year ago, while in week #4 Zion Chapel will travel to McKenzie looking to continue its success against the Tigers, a team the Rebels outscored 34-20 last season. Zion Chapel will travel to Montgomery to meet the St. Jude Pirates in the fifth week of the season and will be looking to avenge a 36-22 loss to the Pirates a year ago, and in week #6 the Rebels will stay on the road and will tangle with the Goshen Eagles, a team the Rebels pounded 33-13 in a big win last season. The Rebels will return home in week #7 to meet the Pleasant Home Eagles, a team they outscored 25-14 last season, while the next week Zion Chapel will remain at home and host the Arton Purple Cats looking to avenge a 49-14 spanking a year ago. The Rebels will travel across the county to battle the Kinston Bulldogs in week #9 and will be looking to handle the "Dogs" like they did a year ago in a 46-14 Rebel win, while the final week of the regular season will find the Rebels back at home against the J.F. Shields Panthers, a team the Rebels surprised 24-19 last season.

### KINSTON BULLDOGS

The Kinston Bulldogs struggled to a 1-9 record last season in the first year of Coach Larry Cotney's reign and this season will find the going no easier as they hit the road for four of the season's first five games.

Kinston will open the season at home against the 4A Bullock County Hornets and will be looking to hang up an early win against a Hornet team the Bulldogs lost to only 32-26 last season. The Bulldogs will jump into region play the next three weeks and all three games will be on the road as they travel to Arton to meet the Purple Cats, a team that handed the Bulldogs a 30-6 setback last season and then head to Pleasant Home and Florala. The Eagles handed the Bulldogs a 21-6 defeat a year ago, while the Wildcats scored almost at will a year ago and rolled to a 64-7 win. Kinston will continue its road trip in the fifth week of the season when the Bulldogs head over to Samson, a team that it lost to 35-6 in '04, but will then return home in the sixth week of the season for a match-up with the Brantley Bulldogs, one of the state's top teams and a team that ripped Kinston 46-7 only a year ago. Kinston will hit the road again in week #7, but it will be a trip the Bulldogs will be looking forward to since they will meet the McKenzie Tigers, the only team the Bulldogs defeated last season in a 12-7 victory. The final three games of the season will all be at home as the Bulldogs host Goshen, a team it lost to 40-6 last season, Zion Chapel, a team that whipped the "Dogs" 46-14 last season, and New Brockton, a 2A rival that blanked the Bulldogs 35-0 in last season's finale.

### BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

The Brantley Bulldogs were disappointed a year ago despite posting a 13-1 record and Coach David Lowery and his squad will enter the 2005 season determined to add a state championship trophy to the team's already crowded trophy case.

The Bulldogs will open the season on the road when they travel to Elba to battle the Elba Tigers, a team they shocked 47-28 in last year's opener, while in week #2 the Bulldogs will return home and meet the Goshen Eagles, a region opponent they outscored 48-20 last season. Brantley will be back on the road in the third week of the season when it heads over the Zion Chapel to meet the Rebels, a team it clobbered 40-6 last season, and in week #4 the Bulldogs will host the Arton Purple Cats, a region foe that the Bulldogs slipped past 14-0 in a key contest a year ago. The midway mark of the season will find the Bulldogs back at home for a cross-county clash with Highland Home, a team the "Dogs" rolled over 39-20 last season, while in week #6 Brantley will travel to Kinston to meet the Bulldogs, a team the Bulldogs pounded 46-7 in last season's encounter. The seventh week of the season will find the Bulldogs at home for a key region clash with the Florala Wildcats, a 35-6 Bulldog victim a year ago, and the next week the Bulldogs will make the long trip to Pleasant Home looking to handle the Eagles like they did last season in an easy 71-26 romp. Brantley will close out region play in the ninth week of the season when they travel to McKenzie, a team the "Dogs" blanked 46-0 last season, and Brantley will then close out the regular season on the road when they head up the road to Luverne to tangle with the Luverne Tigers, a 2A power the Bulldogs defeated 14-10 last season.

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Head Coach: Scott Rials 2004 Record: 4-7		
Aug. 26	Brantley (1A)	Home
Sept. 2	Cottonwood *	Away
Sept. 9	Houston Academy *	Away
Sept. 16	Geneva County *	Home
Sept. 23	Luverne (2A)	Away
Sept. 30	Houston County *	Home
Oct. 7	New Brockton *	Away
Oct. 14	Wicksburg *	Home
Oct. 21	Samson *	Away
Oct. 28	Pike County (3A)	Home

\* Designates region game

New Brockton Gamecocks		
Head Coach: Shannon Clark 2004 Record: 7-3		
Aug. 26	Zion Chapel (1A)	Home
Sept. 2	Houston County *	Away
Sept. 9	Wicksburg *	Away
Sept. 16	Samson *	Home
Sept. 23	Pleasant Home (1A)	Home
Sept. 30	Cottonwood *	Away
Oct. 7	Elba *	Home
Oct. 14	Houston Academy *	Away
Oct. 21	Geneva County *	Home
Oct. 28	Kinston (1A)	Away

\* Designates region game

Zion Chapel Rebels		
Head Coach: Harry Lees 2004 Record: 5-5		
Aug. 26	New Brockton (2A)	Away
Sept. 2	Florala *	Home
Sept. 9	Brantley *	Home
Sept. 16	St. Jude (1A)	Away
Sept. 23	Goshen *	Away
Sept. 30	Pleasant Home *	Home
Oct. 7	Arton *	Home
Oct. 14	Kinston *	Away
Oct. 21	J.F. Shields (1A)	Home
Oct. 28		

\* Designates region game

Kinston Bulldogs		
Head Coach: Larry Cotney 2004 Record: 1-9		
Aug. 26	Bullock County (4A)	Home
Sept. 2	Arton *	Away
Sept. 9	Pleasant Home *	Away
Sept. 16	Florala *	Away
Sept. 23	Samson (2A)	Away
Sept. 30	Brantley *	Home
Oct. 7	McKenzie *	Away
Oct. 14	Goshen *	Home
Oct. 21	Zion Chapel *	Home
Oct. 28	New Brockton (2A)	Home

\* Designates region game

Brantley Bulldogs		
Head Coach: David Lowery 2004 Record: 13-1		
Aug. 26	Elba (2A)	Away
Sept. 2	Goshen *	Home
Sept. 9	Zion Chapel *	Away
Sept. 16	Arton *	Home
Sept. 23	Highland Home (2A)	Home
Sept. 30	Kinston *	Away
Oct. 7	Florala *	Home
Oct. 14	Pleasant Home *	Away
Oct. 21	McKenzie *	Away
Oct. 27	Luverne (2A)	Away

\* Designates region game

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Summer Camp hosted for local youth

The Elba Police Department's D.A.R.E. program, Elba Housing Authority and South Central Mental Health (Laverne) office jointly hosted a two-week summer camp for at-risk youth in mid-June.

The main purpose of the camp was to teach personal safety to the youngsters while the many lessons also touched on peer pressure, building self-esteem, firearm safety, fire safety, rescue, and K-9 safety.

During the event, personnel with the Elba Fire Department, Coffee County EMS and Elba's Animal Control unit presented valuable information to help the camp participants better understand safety issues.



George Homyak, animal control officer for the City of Elba, shared various aspects of his job with the camp participants.



Personnel with Coffee County EMS explained various life-saving techniques used on a daily basis to assist those in need and gave the camp participants a tour of an ambulance. All the programs presented during the two-week camp were designed to help the youth better understand personal safety.

## Treasurer Kay Ivey announces unclaimed property awareness month

Treasurer Kay Ivey has announced that the month of August has been proclaimed Unclaimed Property Awareness month for the state of Alabama.

The proclamation, issued by Gov. Bob Riley, recognizes the productivity of the Unclaimed Property division of

the Alabama Treasurer's Office and serves to announce the Unclaimed Property auction to take place later in the month.

"I am so pleased that August has been declared Unclaimed Property Awareness month," said Treasurer Ivey. "While the Unclaimed Property division

works tirelessly to reunite owners with their rightful property and continues to succeed in its efforts, the added recognition serves to bring this issue to the forefront so that more Alabamians are made aware that this program exists."

Treasurer Ivey went on to announce that a record amount of unclaimed property has been received by the Treasury this year. To date, the Treasury has taken in \$76,781,441 in unclaimed property. In addition, \$11,665,571 has been paid in claims to over 26,000 individuals.

"So much hard work goes into collecting these funds from businesses, banks, and insurance companies that are unable to contact property owners," Ivey said. "All the hard work is worthwhile when owners are located and are able to connect with their assets."

Ivey also announced that the Unclaimed Property program will hold an auction of safe deposit box items on Saturday, August 20th in the Gordon Persons Building auditorium from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A preview of the auction items will be held Friday, August 19th

## New Books at the Elba Public Library

### Non-Fiction

Taste of Home's Brand Name Recipes 2005  
Locke, Lisa - Love, Lisa

### Fiction

Adler, Elizabeth - The House in Amalfi  
Beaton, M.C. - The Perfect Paragon  
Brogan, Jan - A Confidential Source  
Delinsky, Barbara - Looking for Peyton Place  
Finder, Joseph - Company Man  
Gulley, Philip - A Change of Heart  
Harrison, Janis - Reap a Wild Harvest  
— Lilies That Feist

Hooper, Kay - Chill of Fear  
Jance, J.A. - Long Time Gone  
Lawson, Michael - The Inside Ring  
Lowell, Elizabeth - Always Time to Die  
Palmer, Diana - Before Sunrise  
Paretsky, Sara - Fire and Ice  
Patterson, James - Lifeguard  
Reichs, Kathy - Cross Bones  
Robb, J.D. - Origin in Death  
Steele, Danielle - Miracles  
Waller, Robert James - High Plains Tango  
White, Stephen - Missing Persons

### Large Print Fiction

Childs, Laura - Bound For Murder  
Edwards, Cassie - Savage Courage  
Hassler, Jon - The Staggered Murders  
Howell, Hannah - Highland Conqueror  
Macomber, Debbie - Navy Baby

### Christian Fiction

Bacher, June Master - Another Spring  
— Gently Love Becons  
— Love's Soft Whisper  
— When Hearts Awaken  
— When Morning Comes

### Unabridged Books on Tape

Craig, Phillip K. - Vineyard Prey  
Leonard, Elmore - The Hot Kid  
Scottoline, Lisa - Devil's Corner  
Smith, Alexander McCall - 44 Scotland Street

### Abridged Books on CD

Deaver, Jeffery - The Twelfth Card  
Evanovich, Janet - Eleven on Top  
Reichs, Kathy - Cross Bones

## Elba City Schools welcome new staff and reassign many

**Elba Elementary School**  
LaKesha Brackins - Principal  
Gina Price - Reading Program Specialist, Curriculum Coordinator

Glenn Johnson - Head P.E./Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach  
Laura Terrell - 3rd Grade Teacher

**Transfers**  
ARFI Reading Coach - Brenda Skinner  
ARI Reading Coach - Kim Gibson  
Reading Intervention Teacher - Lynn Cordor

**Elba High School**  
Tim Brown - Head Baseball Coach/Health, P.E., Social Science

Wanda Bucklew - Coach  
Karl Bledsoe - Jr. High Basketball, Assistant Football Coach  
Susan Barnes - Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor, Assistant Volleyball Coach  
Mike Camley - Community Co-op Instructor  
Larry Goodson - Career Tech Supervisor

**Transfers/Reassignments**  
Amelia Rhoades - Attendance Officer  
Lisa Curtis - Reading/Remediation Teacher  
Lynn Weeks - Full Time Counselor  
Wynn Grimes - Head Golf

**Central Office**  
Lisa Rials - Chief Financial Officer  
Dean Blair - School Resource Officer

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Five Mallory grandchildren graduate college in 2005 with honors

Five grandchildren of Doris Mallory and the late Wade Mallory of Elba have enjoyed various individual successes in college, but they also enjoy a similar trait. All five are 2005 college graduates.

**Matthew Belcher** is the third oldest grandchild. He is the son of Jim and Ella Belcher.

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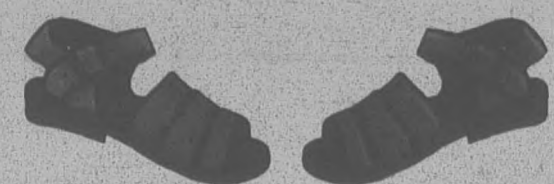
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**CITY POOL OPEN WEEKENDS THRU LABOR DAY**  
Saturday: Noon - 6 p.m. • Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



**FUN IN THE SUN WITH DAD** (left)...Austin McWaters and his dad, Oden McWaters, recently spent a sunny Friday afternoon at the Elba City Pool. The cool water proved to be a great way to escape that summertime heat for both father and son. With most area schools opening for the 2005-06 term, the pool hours have been cut back to only weekends, but that still leaves plenty of time for lots of fun in the sun.



**HANGING OUT WITH THE FELLAS** (right)...One of the great things about the Elba City Pool is that it allows a large group of friends to enjoy the day together participating in one of summer's most enjoyable pastimes - swimming. Recently, Carlos Matias, Tevin McNair, Tristan Terry, Hakeem Jackson, Alex McNair and Quenton Caldwell did that as they spent a Friday afternoon at the pool just hanging out.

#### Class schedules available at EOCC

Enterprise-Ozark Community College fall class schedules are now available at the following locations: the Enterprise Campus at Admissions/Registrar, Counseling, and Switchboard; the Ozark Aviation Campus; the Fort Rucker Site.

The schedule is also available online at [www.eocc.edu/schedule.html](http://www.eocc.edu/schedule.html).

Fall semester begins August 18, 2005. For more information, call (334)347-2623.

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A new site on the web has been created that allows people to share their old memories of Elba with others.

The site is located at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ourlovelbates>.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the site to look at the information already posted and/or post their own stories.

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## Commission supports expansion of DCI

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Aug. 8, during the regular bimonthly commission meeting to support a local medical organization with expansion efforts.

Representatives of Dialysis Clinic Inc. (DCI)

of Enterprise presented commissioners with a proposal to allow the organization to buy from the county 1.4 acres of land located next to the Coffee County Department of Human Resources building.

Gary Donaldson, an employee of DCI of Enterprise, said the clinic has outgrown the facility it currently is using and is kind of landlocked in regards to expansion at that site.

He said Medicare has begun allowing patients to be placed on dialysis before they get so sick and because of that local doctors are following approximately 200 patients in a 50-mile radius.

"We're looking to expand to accommodate those patients," Donaldson said. "We're now having to place patients somewhere else because we don't have room."

The current facility has 16 dialysis stations and Donaldson said most patients are dialyzed three times per week.

"We're a non-profit organization," said Kyle Weaver, administrator of DCI. "What we're proposing is that you (commis-

sioners) allow us to purchase the land located next to the DHR building. We would in return build a state-of-the-art building."

He said the building would match those surrounding it, and most importantly, would allow DCI to provide the best service for the patients.

Currently, he said DCI in 125 percent over capacity with the patients it follows, and in a n y patients are being forced to travel greater distances to receive their dialysis treatment.

"We're not a doctor's office," Weaver said. "We're a critical care unit. These people will die if they don't get dialysis."

Commissioner Tom Grimsley asked Weaver how many dialysis stations the new facility would include and how many additional employees would be required.

Weaver said the new facility would have 28 stations. He said that is the suggested amount to accommodate the number of patients. Also, he said probably four to five new employees will be hired.

Weaver asked commissioners to do two things Monday morning: 1) allow DCI to purchase the land; and 2) pass a resolution supporting the efforts of DCI. He said the resolution would help DCI in the efforts if they have proof of the commis-

sioners' support to send in with the certificate of needs.

Commissioner Grimsley offered a motion for the Commission to present DCI with a letter of commitment with the intent to sale the 1.4 acres of land to DCI provided a sale price is agreed upon and everything works out for DCI to proceed with the project.

He received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said an appraiser has looked at the land and recommended the property be sold at \$175-\$200 per foot of road frontage; however, he said the two entities still need to negotiate a sale price.

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**MEMBERS OF THE ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED** to the scene of a house fire at 444 Smith Avenue Monday afternoon, Aug. 8, after a neighbor noticed smoke and fire coming from the structure. Dispatchers at the Elba Police Department were notified of the fire shortly after 2 p.m. Monday and the fire department was dispatched. Upon arrival, the fire fighters found flames blazing through the roof of the home. They immediately went to work to try and keep the fire from spreading across the home. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS. No injuries were reported from this incident.

## Coffee County Schools preparing new website

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A presentation regarding a new website for the Coffee County School System excited

board members Thursday evening, Aug. 4, during the regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said everyone involved with the implementation of this new web site is very excited. She said the teachers and administrators have worked hard to get this up and going.

Golda Donaldson, technology coordinator for the school system, gave board members a preview of the web site and the mounds of information it will include. There will be a central office site, as well as, each county school having it's own site.

Ingram said the web site will allow the public to view up-to-date happenings with the schools and school system. It also will allow the public to email school officials.

Ingram said information regarding school closings due to inclement weather also can be found on the web site.

Donaldson said the hopes the site will be open soon to the public for view at the new official site of: [www.coffeecountyschools.org](http://www.coffeecountyschools.org), but it can

not be accessed as of yet by that address. Instead, the site currently can be accessed by going through the school inites web site.

Board members adopted the parent/student information guide as policy with only a few changes.

Ingram said the board approves this guide as policy because it includes the code of conduct.

A few changes referenced in the guide for the 2005-06 school term included "possession" of a cellular telephone, dress code now lists pajama pants as something not to wear to school and the new truancy policy is outlined.

Board members noted the parent involvement sheet located in the back of the guide. Ingram said parents of all Coffee County Schools' students are supposed to sign the sheet and send it back by their children indicating they have received and read the guide.

With two days of the new school year completed last Thursday, Ingram said the two-day total showed enrollment at 1,961 students for the school system. She said this figure is up several students from last year.

Ingram said the roof bids for the Zion Chapel elementary building and gym were opened Thursday; however, she said she needed more time to study the bids before making a recommendation. She did say the low bid came in at \$780,643.

In regards to personnel matters, board members approved the following:

Support

• Accept the resignation of Tommy Paige as lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School.

Mr. Paige submitted his resignation on July 27, 2005 and requested his resignation be effective immediately.

• Transfer Alisha Brooks from her position as a part-time lunchroom worker at Kinston School to a full-time lunchroom worker at Kinston School.

Brooks will work a seven-hour day.

## NEWS BRIEF

Local police made two arrests Monday, Aug. 1, regarding crimes involving children.

During a recent press conference officials said warrants for arrest had been issued for Tyler Burdeshaw regarding various charges. He was arrested Monday, Aug. 1, by New Brockton's acting police chief Dale Grimes and charged with two counts of sodomy - second degree and one count of distribution and sale of drugs to minors.

Monday evening, Aug. 1, James Scott Harris, age 29, of Elba, was arrested by officers with the Elba and New Brockton police departments.

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